

**BARNSLEY FAMILY PAPERS  
1825-1904**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Barnsley Family Papers, primarily the papers of Godfrey Barnsley (1805-1873), agent for Liverpool import and export brokers, with offices in Savannah and New Orleans, and his children, were given to the Manuscript Section of the Tennessee State Library and Archives by the Joint University Libraries through the agency of Dr. Henry Lee Swint. Other collections of Barnsley Papers are at the University of Georgia and Duke University. The collection occupies 1.26 linear feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 850 items.

Single photocopies of these papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research. Another collection of Barnsley family papers at the University of North Carolina. This information provided by William C. Griggs, Lubbock, Texas.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Barnsley Family Papers are composed of correspondence, account books, documents, maps, military papers, genealogical data, and memorabilia of Godfrey Barnsley and his children, relating chiefly to the family's plantation, "Woodlands," in Bartow County, Georgia. The letters contain much information on economic conditions in the South after the Civil War and on the fate of Barnsley's sons, George and Lucien, who joined an ex-Confederate group that migrated to South America. George was a physician, and Lucien, at different times operated a rice mill, an apothecary's shop, a brick manufactory, and a gold mine. There are 71 letters of country customs of the people, and the political, social, and economic conditions in Sao Paulo and Rio do Janeiro areas of Brazil.

Godfrey Barnsley was agent for several Liverpool brokers and spent much of his time after the Civil War in his New Orleans offices. He reported regularly to his various business associates abroad on the cotton crop, prices, and other economic factors during the period from 1869 until his death in 1873. The plantation in Georgia was managed after the Civil War by Julia (Barnsley) Baltzelle, daughter of Godfrey Barnsley. She married Charles H. Von Schwartz in 1872, after the death of her first husband, Peter Baltzelle. There are 57 letters written by Julia to her brothers in Brazil telling of conditions at "Woodlands." Six letters of Julia's were written in 1847 from Charleston, South Carolina, where she was in school.

There are 18 letters of Harold Barnsley written during the period, 1846-1858, while he was traveling over the northern part of the United States, the Philippines, and China. He attempted to establish a mercantile business but was killed by Chinese pirates when trying to return home to fight for the Confederacy. There are letters written by Godfrey Barnsley's two older daughters, Anna who married Thomas C. Gilmour, and Adelaide who married John K. Reid.

Also included are the account books (1825-1838) of William Scarborough, a Savannah merchant and father of Julia (Scarborough) Barnsley, wife of Godfrey Barnsley; Civil War letters and documents of Peter Baltzelle, provost marshal of the Confederate Army; correspondence and papers of Baron Charles Henry Von Schwartz; and genealogical data for the Barnsley, Cotton, and Scarborough families.

## CONTAINER LIST

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#### Box 1

##### **Family Correspondence**

1. Baltzelle, J.P., 1866-1867
2. Barnsley, Adelaide, 1847
3. Barnsley, George S., 1847-1879
4. Barnsley, George S., 1880-1898
5. Barnsley, George S., Jr., 1898
6. Barnsley, Harold, 1846-1858
7. Barnsley, Julia, (Scarborough), 1834-1844
8. Barnsley, Lucien, 1870-1883
9. Barnsley, Mary (daughter-in-law of Godfrey), 1890-1891
10. Gilmour, Anna (Barnsley), 1845-1893
11. Von Schwartz, Charles H., 1873-1884
12. Von Schwartz, Julia (Barnsley) Baltzelle, 1847-1891
13. Nieces, nephews, and cousins of Barnsley family

#### Box 2

##### **Correspondence--Barnsley, Godfrey**

1. Outgoing--to business associates, 1869-1871
2. Outgoing--to William Duncan, 1869-1872
3. Outgoing--to J.H. Jensen, 1869-1871
4. Outgoing--to Alfred A. Marsh, 1869-1871

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5. Outgoing--to Edward Parsons, 1869-1872
6. Outgoing--to John R. Reid, 1869-1871
7. Outgoing--to Rooker T. Marshall, 1869-1871
8. Outgoing--to daughter, Anna, 1869-1871
9. Outgoing--to son, George, 1869-1871
10. Outgoing--to daughter, Julia, 1869-1872
11. Outgoing--to son, Lucien, 1869-1871
12. Outgoing--to Mrs. Berrien, 1869-1870
13. Incoming--Bryan-Riggs
14. Incoming--Robertson-Zoni

#### Box 3

1. Accounts - Barnsley, Godfrey and Von Schwartz, Julia, 1870-1884
2. Account Book - Barnsley, Godfrey, 1894
3. Account Book - Scarborough, William, 1825
4. Account Book - Scarborough, William, 1835-1838
5. Documents - Re: Land and other property lists, 1835-1838
6. Estate Papers of Godfrey Barnsley
7. Genealogy - Barnsley family
8. Legal Documents, 1829-1886
9. Legal Documents - Re: Schwartz family, 1845-1890
10. Maps
11. Memorabilia
12. Memorial to Barnsley, Godfrey, 1871
13. Military orders and Reports, 1862-1865
14. Military Record of Baltzelle, J.P., 1864
15. Wills - Schwartz, Henry William and Von Schwartz, Julia